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| **FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION** | | | |
| Meeting:  **Curriculum, Student Affairs and Outcome Committee** | | | |
| Presented by | **Jennifer Lowe** | | |
| Author/Contact | **Jennifer Lowe** | Department / Unit | **Executive** |
| Date Created | **28 October 2024** | Telephone | **Ext 7265** |
| Appendices Attached | Student Mental Health Agreement  Student Partnership Agreement | | |
| Disclosable under FOISA | | **Yes** | |

1. **PURPOSE**

To provide an update on quality assurance/enhancement and learning and teaching activity within the College.

1. **BACKGROUND**

Report provided to CSAO updates on the main activities since the last report in 2nd September 2024.

1. **DETAIL**

The report includes updates on:

Students, Education, Learning and Teaching Committee;

Self-Evaluation, course curriculum review and evaluation;

Learner engagement;

Awards;

1. **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

The Board retains an overview of NCL activity.

1. **RISK**

N/A.

1. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Inability to achieve targets could result in loss of income to New College Lanarkshire.

1. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no legal implications.

1. **WORKFORCE IMPLICATIONS**

There are no workforce implications.

1. **REPUTATIONAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no reputational implications.

1. **EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

There are no equalities implications.

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| **CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS**  CSAO is asked to note the information contained in this report and raise or discuss any issues. |

### **INTRODUCTION**

### This paper seeks to provide an update on the NCL Committee, Quality and Self-Evaluation Update for academic year 2024 – 2025.

### **2. COLLEGE COMMITTEE UPDATES STUDENTS, EDUCATION, LEARNING AND TEACHING (SELT)**

NCL formally launched the Wellbeing Academies (WA’s) at the Motherwell Campus on Friday 25th October 2024. Recognising the critical link between student wellbeing and academic success, the WA’s aim to provide holistic support services and programmes that cater to the physical, emotional, and social wellbeing needs of our students.

The event was attended by over 70 internal and external partners and NCL gained insight into the impact of mental health and wellbeing by mental health blogger Kat Connelly.

At the event, NCL’s commitment to supporting the WA’s and the Campaigns-Getting to Know You, Be Well to Do Well and Be Financially Fit were validated via the signing of the Student Partnership and Mental Health Agreements by Professor Christopher Moore and Student President, Chloe Sandilands.

Both Agreements are appended.

### **3. SELF EVALUATION, COURSE CURRICULUM REVIEW AND EVALUATION (CCRE)**

* NCL has adapted the approaches towards self-evaluation focusing on the sparqs Student Engagement Framework to support the Tertiary Quality Enhancement Framework (TQEF).
* Sparqs will be visiting NCL in December to support the Learner Engagement Team to prepare for TQEF.
* Heads of Department and curriculum teams are attending KPI meetings where the focus is on credit targets and retention.

### **4. LEARNER ENGAGEMENT**

### NCL plan to recruit an additional Learner Engagement Officer to maximise the student voice and prepare for TQEF.

### Class and departmental representatives are currently undertaking sparqs training to maximise the student voice.

* Change of Student President for the Coatbridge campus: Amy McLoughlan replacing Karen Caplin.

### **5. AWARDS**

NCL have been short listed for three College Development Network (CDN) Awards. Announcements to be made on 14th November 2024 at the CDN Awards Ceremony.

**College Community Learning Award**

The Women’s Aid Project was started to help survivors of domestic abuse reclaim their lives. By removing obstacles and opening doors to education, it aims to build their confidence and self-worth. Partnering with Cumbernauld and District Women’s Aid (CADWA), this project brings together women from all walks of life. They share their unique talents and skills, boosting their chances for a brighter future and forming deep, lasting friendships. By opening the door to education this course helps these women find the strength to believe in themselves, manage their emotions, and dream big for their future.

**Research Project of the Year Award**

In recognition of the highly effective dental nurse programme developed and delivered in collaboration between NCL, Chifeng University, Heze Medical College and new partners from Mongolia and the Philippines. The project was awarded funding from the UK-China-BRI Countries Partnership Initiative Fund, with the primary goal of addressing skill gaps in dental health sectors across all the partner countries through a research-driven approach.

**Student of the Year Award**

Kenneth Tong, NCL Student President in 2003. Kenneth founded various sports clubs, promoted health and wellbeing, and organised significant events like the NCL Ben Nevis Challenge, inspiring many at NCL.